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THE BLOWN FUSE

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EBARC Meetings

Next meeting, May 10, 2024

**Unitarian
Universalist
Church**



Of Berkeley

**Safir Room
1 Lawson Rd.,
Kensington, CA**

Check your email for Zoom link.

The Executive Board meets monthly before each general meeting at 7:00 PM, the preceding Tuesday or Thursday on Zoom.

Welcome EBARC Members to the fifth edition of the Blown Fuse for 2024.

Please plan to join us at the meeting on May 10, 2024, in-person or on the Zoom Link.

Program: To be determined

Thanks to members who brought refreshments to the April meeting.

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Upcoming Activities

Conventions:

May 17-19, Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH

May 31-June 1, SEA-PAC, Seaside, OR
Contests:

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/index.html>

CQ Awards Programs:

<https://wwrof.org/contest-awards-management/>

DXpeditions:

<https://dxnews.com/dxpeditions/>

President's Message

May 2024 Blown Fuse President's Message

How do you use your radios? To participate in the many nets? Do you turn your radio on, put it in scan mode then listen for traffic while you're doing other things? Do you mobile-enabled members do this while driving? Do you hunt for calls from POTA activators? Do you try to make contacts in a contest or find a DXpedition on the air? Do you use the many computer applications that exist to aid hams? To detect weak signals, to send e-mails over the radio waves, maybe even to send video images? Given Propagation conditions, you likely can find someone also operating on a certain band during an appropriate moment of the day. Whichever way you operate, I trust it is fun and rewarding.

Those of you who attended the April EBARC meeting know that I was participating remotely from Visalia. The 2024 International DX Convention. The event started earlier in the day, and I wanted to attend the Friday sessions. It was the 75th Edition of that event and my first attendance. Being in the company of passionate, experienced radio operators was inspiring and motivating. And it also was a learning experience how to do things better.

Recommended books have arrived from DX Engineering. I hope to delve into them to learn more.

The EBARC at Google Groups member list has been updated. Invitations were sent to current EBARC members who do not belong to the EBARC Google Group. I've heard back from a few. I encourage those who saw the invitation to actively respond yes or no about being a member in 2024. The group is a resource to help you with your radio operating adventures.

Todd, W8BIK

Minutes of the April Meeting

April 12, 2024

General Meeting Minutes

The EBARC General Meeting was held on Friday, April 11, 2024, as a hybrid meeting. The in-person meeting occurred at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkely (UUCB) at 1 Lawson Road, Kensington CA 94704-1015. The on-line meeting was concurrently held via the Zoom Internet conferencing application. There were five members who attended in-person and ten members on Zoom. Present in person were Vice-President Howdy Goudy KE6BEE, Secretary Jan Kuhl AC5RB, members Robin Fraatz-Camp KE6MRH, Mike Camp KI7FU and Frans Kuypers KJ6IUV. On Zoom was President Todd Teachout W8BIK, Treasurer Audrey Nieman W6BBQ and members Karen Fenton KK6ZPM, Jay Fenton KJ6WSS, Rob Johnson KK6JN1, Don Simon NI6A, Robin Spaulding N6RLS, Lorraine Schnurr KN6CRT, Joe Fisher and Robin Mitchell.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by President Todd. He asked for a motion for the agenda to be approved. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Introductions from Zoom members and from those in attendance.

MINUTES-The minutes from the March 8, 2024, as presented in the Blown Fuse **MOTION CARRIED**
TREASURER REPORT – As presented in the Blown Fuse.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT- Audrey will be sending out a roster soon.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT- Howdy said he would welcome suggestions and volunteers for future meetings.

President Report- Todd said he had been taking out staples from past Blown Fuse from 1964-2008 to be shipped to DLARC to be archived. He noted the difference in print technology and enjoyed reading many notes from them. He has given some to Chris Harwood AA6AT for the website. Right now, there is 2001-2022. Sharon Primsch AA6XZ was the editor starting 2004.

Regarding storage and relocation of equipment there needs to be an inventory of what to sell or keep. There is no deadline yet. The rent has been paid ahead to January 2025

There was a Google Group of hams from 2019-2022. There was discussion to reactivate it.

FIELD DAY- there was discussion about setting up our own field day or accepting an offer to partnership with KARO-ECHO. More discussion to check out options.

CW CLASSES- Todd was on Zoom attending the International DX Convention in Visalia. There was a lot of activity in CW and would be an addition to use on Field Day. He and Mike Camp will be checking out resources-who to do, who to teach, where to have classes, coaches, and partners. Jan suggested meeting 30 minutes before our next regular meeting. Howdy suggested a CW net for practice. Perhaps a survey of members for interest in the Blown Fuse.

BREAK

Robin Spaulding, N6RLS reported that he had recently visited the California Historical Radio Society Museum in Alameda and thought other EBARC members might enjoy it. Early days of Collins radios and gear that has been restored were displayed. There is a mailing list to connect to activities at the Museum. This could be a possible EBARC field trip.

Howdy Goudey, KE6BEE gave a presentation on The Amateur Radio Science Citizen Investigation (HamSci) activities related to the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse and the Grape Personal Space Weather Project.

ANTENNAS- Jay has restored and collected several antennas that would be donated and available for purchase. A lot of work for restoration from weather damage of wind, rust, and corrosion.

ECLIPSE- There was discussion of the recent eclipse plus the path from one in 2017. There were several QSO parties along the pathway to judge any radio interference or changes. NASA has a website on it.

Meeting adjourned 9:02
Respectfully submitted.
Jan Kuhl, Secretary

PENDING ITEMS

Membership Report

We have 53 Members. I am working on the roster.

New Members: 9

Dropped Members: 9

Silent Keys: 2

Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ

CLUB Station: Still on-hold pending meetings with the UUCB Faith Leader, and Executive Director and/or other UUCB personnel.

Vacancies:

- Membership, 3rd VP
- Blown Fuse Permanent Editor
- Licensed Volunteer Examiners& Testing
- Coordinator Radio Operator License Test Prep
- Instructors Community Support (Sports events, scouting, Maker Faires)
- Program Presenters



Treasurer's Report	Audrey Nieman
April 27, 2024,	W6BBQ
<u>Beginning Balance 3/31/24</u>	\$8045.57
<u>Income:</u>	.03
Dues (PayPal transfer)	\$ 126.22
Dues	\$ 75.00
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Turbo Tax (1/2 cost)	\$ 77.10
Liability Insurance	\$ 200.00
Equipment Insurance	\$ 89.39
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	\$567.71
<u>Ending Balance:</u>	\$7477.86
Portion as Petty Cash	\$ 40.00
Portion as CD	\$ 5000.00

The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$35 for individual membership, \$45 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, send email to ebham.office@gmail.com, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page www.ebarc.org, or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. You can also follow us on Twitter using @w6cus, or on Facebook's "East Bay Amateur Radio Club."

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Bay Area Amateur Radio Nets

Net	Days	Time	PL	FREQ MHZ
Over the Hill Commuter CCCC	M-F	0710	82.5-	145.110
CCCC 220 Net	Tues	1930	82.5+	224.300
WC EMC COMM Net	Thu	1845	82.5	145.110
CCCC Evening Net	Thu	1930	82.5-	145.110
KARO/ECHO EMC COMM NET	Thu	1900	simplex	146.415
NALCO ARES EMC COMM Net	Thu	1915	77-	440.900
ORCA Net	Thu	1930	77	146.880
Bay Area EMC COMM Net	SAT	0900	82.5-	145.110
CCCC WC Net	Sat	0915	82.5-	224.300
Bay Area Comm Net	Sat	0930	82.5+	444.275
Cert FL Digi Net	Sat	1000	82.5+	444.275

Highlights from the Past found in Blown Fuse issues of yesteryear:

EBARC Happenings from the May 1999 Blown Fuse (25 years ago)

The club General meeting occurred at the Albany Senior Center, at 846 Masonic Ave. The Executive Committee met at the W6CUS Station at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond.

The Presidents message detailed challenges the local Red Cross was having regarding its offices which were leased from the City of Richmond. This challenge affects EBARC as the physical station W6CUS is situated at the site.

The May meeting is to have a fundraising raffle. Jan Kuhl donated a Quillo (combination quilt and pillow) for the raffle.

Ron Smith gave an update of his effort to find "Blown Fuse" back issues.

From the April Meeting minutes: Robin Fraatz announced radio support was needed for "Fight MS Day" that happened April 18. Mike Camp volunteered to be Packet chairperson. Ron Smith was working on Field Day and expected to have final details for the June Meeting.

There was a call for volunteers to assist with the Grizzly Peak Century Bicycling event, the Bay to Breaker foot race event in San Francisco, and a Boy Scout Walkathon.

EBARC members visited the Mothball Fleet to locate needed radio parts for the Red Oak Victory radio room. They didn't find everything they needed. They got a good start on resolving matters at ROV.

EBARC Happenings from the May 1974 Blown Fuse (50 years ago)

The April meeting was held at Casa Cerrito on Portola Dr., in El Cerrito.

EBARC is to hold an Auction during the May Meeting. The Blown Fuse posted Auction rules and the need for volunteers to make the event run smoothly. The Auction will pre-empt normal business portion of the meeting so two business items were outlined in the Blown Fuse:

- 1) Discussion to reduce the Dues rate for members under 18 years old.
- 2) A Budget was proposed and the rationale for having one. Discussion of Revenues and Expenditures for the proposed Budget.

